

N A R B E R T H   U R B A N   D I S T R I C T  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To The Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1952.

V I T A L   S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)...1952

.....1,040.....

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.-1952</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.-1951</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>&amp; Wales</u>
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	12.5	17.1	16.4	15.3
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	15.3	13.3	11.68	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	nil	nil	25.04	27.6

There were 13 births, all legitimate, compared with 18 in 1951.

There were 17 deaths, compared with 14 in 1951, and 24 in 1950.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is nil for the third year in succession, a state on which the town may be congratulated. But it must be pointed out that where the numbers dealt with are so small, even one infant death would have sent the rate up to the alarming figure of 76.9

Causes of Death

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total (all causes)	8	9
Malignant disease	1	-
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	1
Coronary disease, angina	1	1
Other heart disease	-	4
Bronchitis	2	-
Nephritis & nephrosis	2	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	2

Nine of these deaths, or slightly more than 50%, were of persons over 70 years of age, of whom four were over the age of 80 years.



## NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were no notifications of infectious diseases during the year.

### TUBERCULOSIS

Two cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

All family contacts of the patient are urged to attend the Chest Clinic for examination and X-ray, and it is found that most contacts are glad to co-operate in this effort to obtain early diagnosis and treatment.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn, and spent three days at Narberth. Some of the persons examined at Narberth came from Carmarthenshire, and a large proportion came in from the surrounding rural area.

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. of persons examined	734	344	390
Definite Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Needing further observation for Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	3	-
Healed primary Tuberculosis	11	8	3
Inactive Respiratory Tuberculosis	7	2	5
Non-tubercular abnormalities	38	19	19

## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

### LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE

#### VACCINATIONS

Records were received of 8 primary and 4 secondary vaccinations.

#### IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

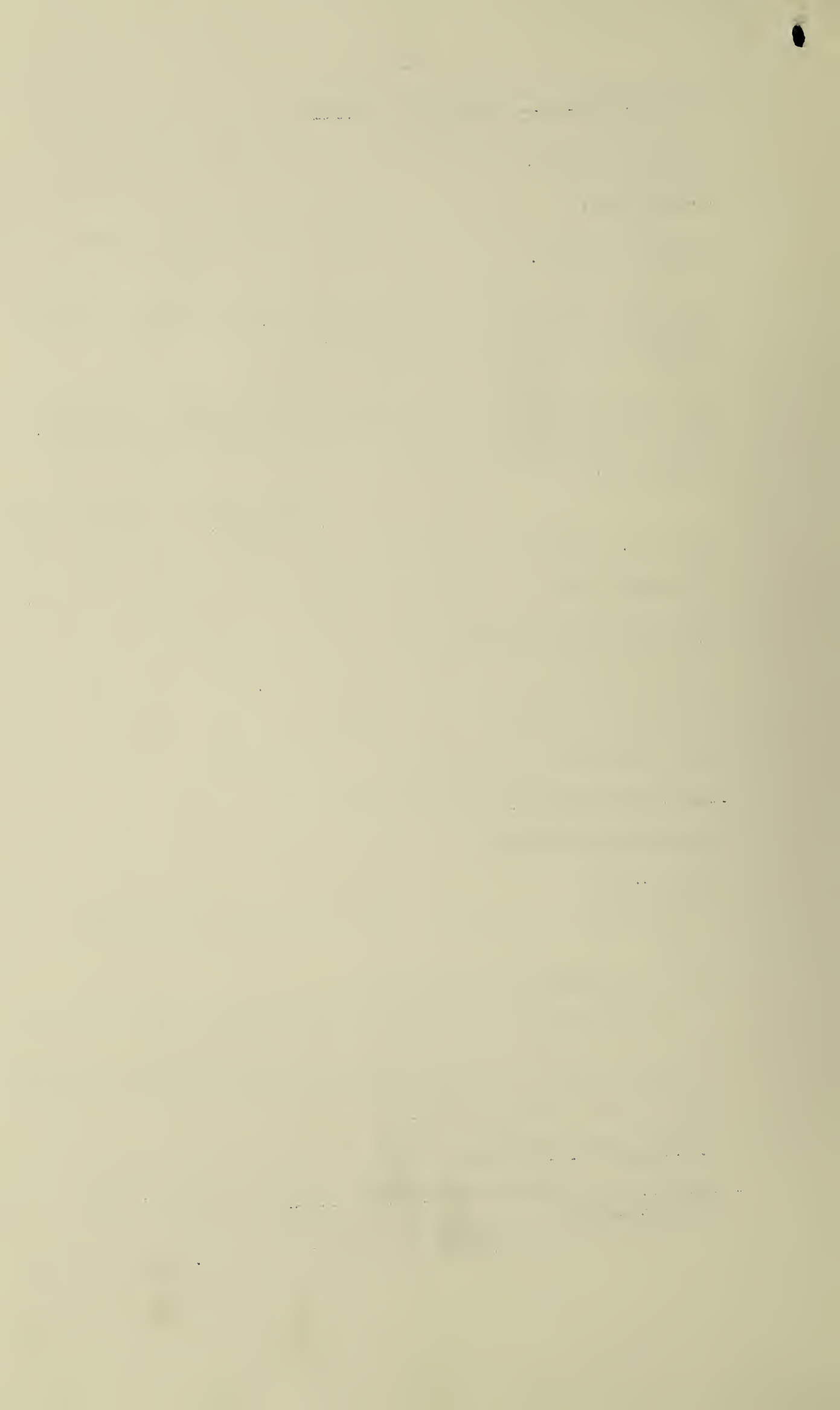
Records were received of the immunisation of 18 children, and of reinforcing injections given to 3 children.

Both Vaccination and Immunisation are carried out by the local Doctors, who are paid by the County Council for records sent to your Medical Officer.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

### REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

No action was necessary under this section.



### WATER SUPPLY

During the year arrangements were made with the Narberth Rural District Council for a connection to its mains near Glanrhyd, so that the Urban Council's water supply could be supplemented when necessary.

Since the installation of the new system of chlorination, samples taken for bacteriological examination have been satisfactory.

### SEWERAGE

A decision was reached during the year to provide a new scheme for sewerage disposal in the town; but this scheme, which has been approved by the Council in outline, in conjunction with the Narberth Rural District Council, had not yet reached the stage where it could be sent to the Ministry for approval.

There were frequent complaints of the two outfalls at Jesse Road, and Plas Farm, and the matter has become urgent.

### HOUSING


No houses were ready for occupation during the year, but there were fourteen council houses under construction.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Dorothy M. Griffiths,

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR  
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

Madam Chairman, Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1952. Having been over a year in your service I have become well acquainted with the circumstances of the town and there is no doubt that a new Sewerage Scheme and the betterment of existing housing conditions are most deserving of attention.

I would thank the Council for their kind consideration in all matters that I have been privileged to bring before them.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

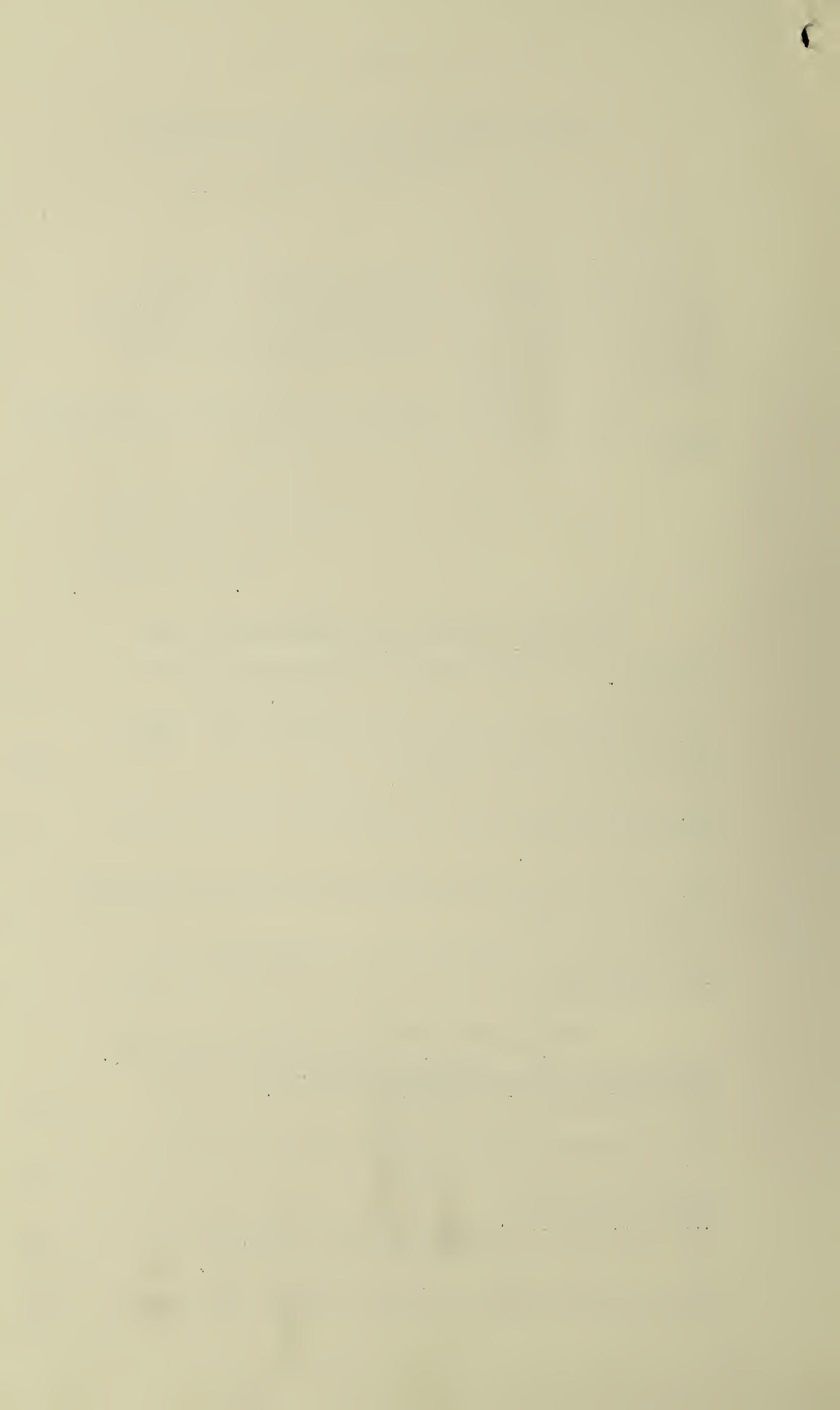
W.J.M. Hodgkins.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	23
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	2
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	8
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	3

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR.

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 &amp; 16.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners)	Nil
<u>Public Health Acts.</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners)	Nil





Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil

No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. Nil

Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year. No knowledge

No. of families dwelling therein. "

No. of persons dwelling therein. "

No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year. Nil

No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year. Nil

No. of persons concerned in such cases. Nil

Particulars of Work carried out during year.

No. of complaints received and investigated 5

No. of defects or nuisances discovered 3

Inspections

Concerning Water supplies	16
Refuse disposal	34
Dwelling houses	28
Food Shops, etc.	12
Factories and Workshops	6
Infectious Diseases	3
Drainage	32
Miscellaneous	10

Housing and Public Health Acts.

Preliminary Notices Served 6

Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

Meat for human consumption in the town is delivered to butchers from Haverfordwest and Pembroke Dock.

Occasional inspections were made of food premises and in general they were found to be satisfactory.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

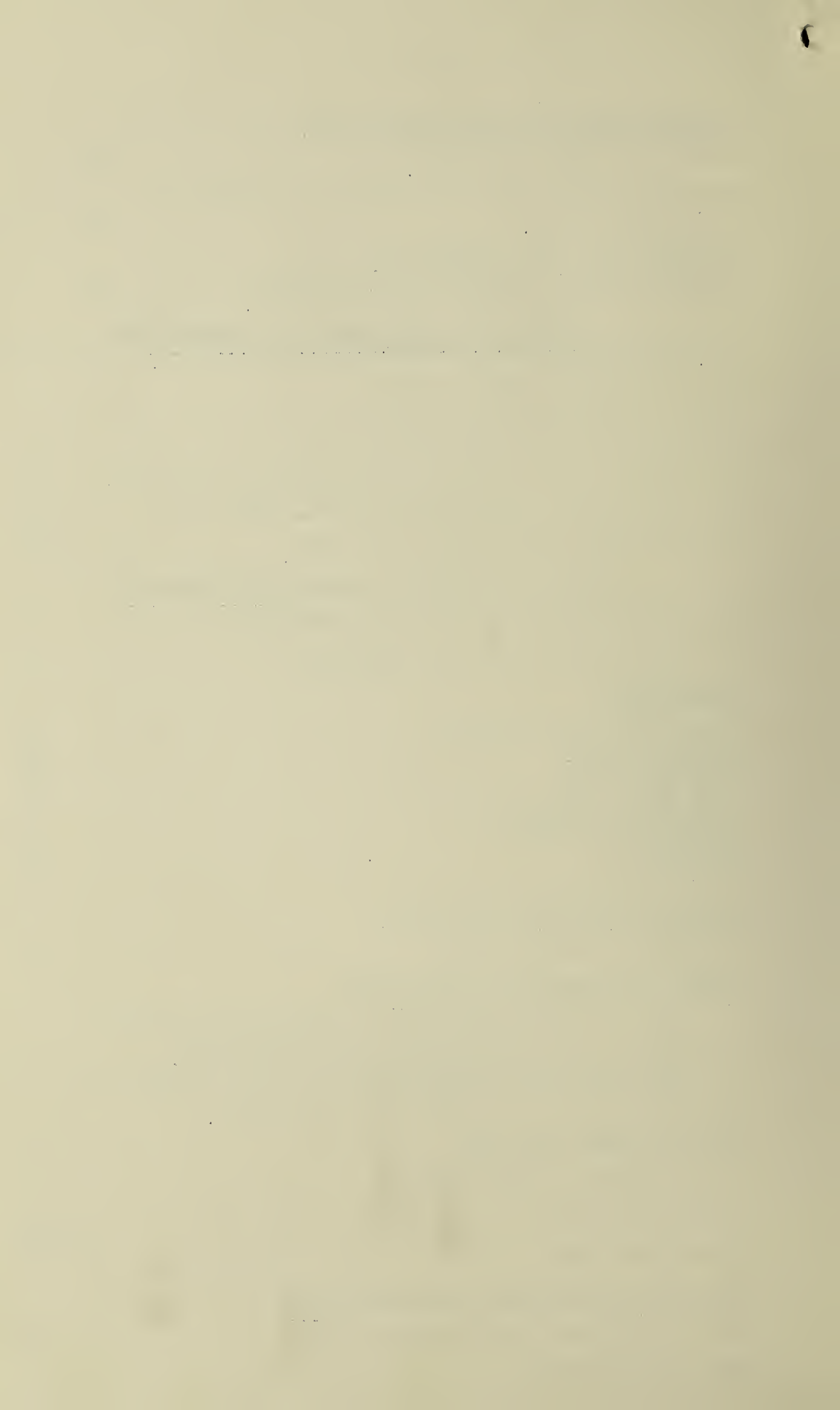
Food examined and condemned:

Olida Pork Butts	1½ lbs
Home killed beef	3½ lbs

Milk and Dairies Orders and Regulations

No. of registered distributors of milk 2

No. of inspections 4



Milk Samples

Satisfactory	5
Unsatisfactory	Nil

Water Supply

Towards the close of the year I installed a simple but effective chlorinating plant at the Princess Gate Reservoir. Previously a hand chlorinating system had been in operation.

Samples

Satisfactory	2
Unsatisfactory	3

Ice Cream

Two samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted for examination. Both proved to be satisfactory.

Sewerage

The obsolete sewerage system continued to give cause for complaint from time to time, with occasional blockages occurring.

Rats and Mice Destruction.

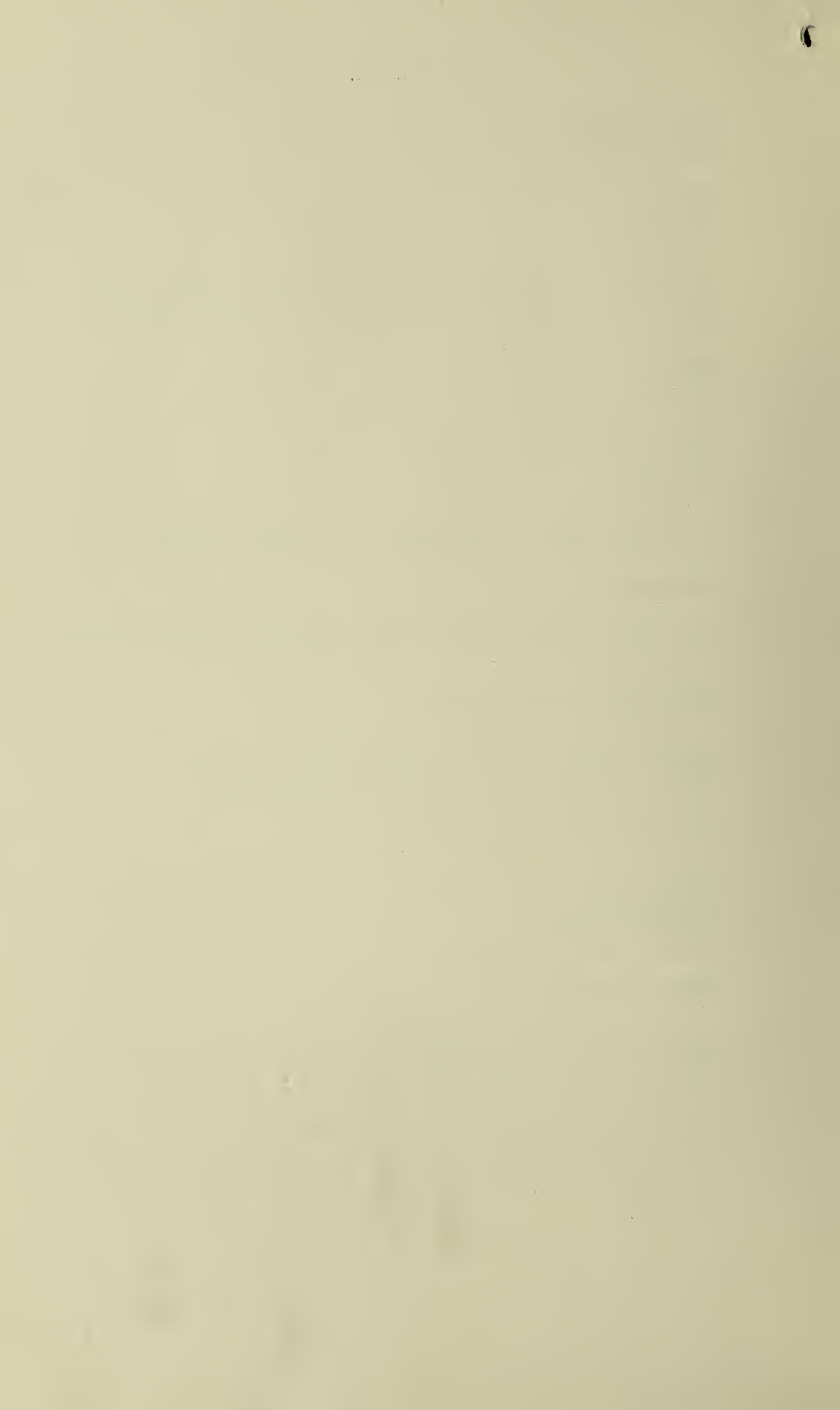
The Council continued to have the services of the Rural District Council operator when necessary, except that W. Griffiths the Council's general handyman took over treatment of the sewers and refuse tip.

Treatments were as follows:-

Sewers	2
Refuse Tips	2
Business Premises	Nil
Dwelling houses	3
No. of rats recovered dead	35

Refuse Disposal

The town's refuse and a proportion of that from the Rural District was deposited on the Council's Tip on Town Moor. The small stream was piped in and many square yards of ground were made up and levelled south of the paddling pool, but despite efforts and many personal visits, the tip took fire on several occasions, most probably due to persons setting fire to paper etc. It was with the object of lessening the likelihood of fire that plans were prepared of a brick incinerator, but to date this still awaits approval.



FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i)Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	16	6	1	Nil
(ii)Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii)Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL:	16	6	1	Nil

